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Re: Freedom of Information Act Request – Tracking No. 875982

Dear Ms. Lipton:

This is a final response to your March 25, 2019 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. Your request was assigned to the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) for a response. You will receive additional responses from other DOL agency components that have been assigned this request. You requested documents related to funding, staffing, and activities of the FOIA office including budget materials, staffing orders/reports/contacts, FOIA requester categories, FOIA fee waivers, and FOIA fee collection.

We conducted a thorough search for the records you requested. MSHA's FOIA logs containing FOIA requester categories for 2017 and 2018 were previously provided to MuckRock News under FOIA tracking numbers 848652 and 874541. Information related to budget materials and staffing orders/reports pertaining to FOIA processing for 2017, 2018, and 2019, can be found at the following webpages:

<https://www.dol.gov/sites/dolgov/files/legacy-files/documents/general/budget/CBJ-2017-V2-13.pdf>,  
<https://www.dol.gov/sites/dolgov/files/legacy-files/CBJ-2018-V2-13.pdf>, and  
<https://www.dol.gov/sites/dolgov/files/general/budget/2019/CBJ-2019-V2-13.pdf>.  
Information related to FOIA contacts, fee waivers, and fee collection for 2017 and 2018 can be found in the Annual FOIA Reports, Chief FOIA Officer Report and FOIA Contacts located at <https://www.dol.gov/general/foia>.

The fees associated with the processing of this record were minimal therefore, no costs were assessed.

If you need any further assistance or would like to discuss any aspect of your request please do not hesitate to contact my office at 202-693-9542 or the DOL FOIA Public Liaison, Thomas Hicks, at 202-693-5427 or by email at [hicks.thomas@dol.gov](mailto:hicks.thomas@dol.gov). Alternatively, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services National Archives and Records Administration (OGIS) to inquire about the mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows:

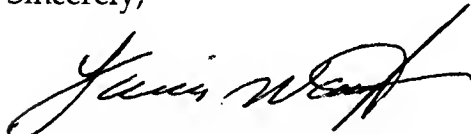
You can now file your MSHA forms online at [www.MSHA.gov](http://www.MSHA.gov). It's easy, it's fast, and it saves you money!

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National Archives and Records Administration  
8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, MD 20740-6001  
Phone - (202) 741-5770  
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If you are not satisfied with the response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Solicitor of Labor within 90 days from the date of this letter. The appeal must state in writing the grounds for the appeal, and it may include any supporting statements or arguments, but such statements are not required. In order to facilitate processing of the appeal, please include your mailing address and daytime telephone number, as well as a copy of the initial request and copy of this letter.

The envelope and letter of the appeal should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Any amendment to the appeal must be made in writing and received prior to a decision. The appeal should be addressed to the Solicitor of Labor, Division of Management and Administrative Legal Services, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room N2420, Washington, DC 20210. Appeals may also be submitted by email to [foiaappeal@dol.gov](mailto:foiaappeal@dol.gov). Appeals submitted to any other email address will not be accepted. You may also fax your appeal to: (202) 693-5538.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lanesia Washington", written in a cursive style.

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MSHA Freedom of Information Act Officer  
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